

# GAJA



## 2021 ALTENI DI BRASSICA LANGHE DOP

### WINERY

Located in Piedmont in northwestern Italy, the GAJA winery is widely considered to be one of the greatest estates in the world, producing coveted and collectible labels.

### WINE

The name originates from Alteni, small stone walls that once surrounded the plots of land, and the word Brassica, yellow flowers growing in the vineyards in spring.

### VINEYARDS

Alteni di Brassica is produced from vineyards located in Barbaresco and Serralunga. Covering approximately 3 hectares (7.5 acres) with a mainly calcareous clay soil.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 was a late vintage, tending to be dry but cool, resulting in wines of great volume and richness marked by savoriness and length, generous even on the nose, with intense and complex aromas.

Abundant snowfall and low temperatures led to an unusually severe, rainy winter, followed by a dry spring. Temperatures picked up again in mid-March, accelerating the plant life cycle. Unfortunately, the cold temperatures returned in early April with icy winds that channeled through the valleys and affected the lower vineyards, especially in the Barbaresco

area. Other Barbaresco vineyards affected by frost recorded minimal losses of 5%. Our Barolo vineyards are located at higher altitudes and survived the frost unscathed. The summer rolled out dramatically with a bright and windy start, hot and violent midseason, characterized by frequent thunderstorms, and ended hot and dry. While both benefited from thunderstorms that cooled the land, powdery mildew became a real threat in Barbaresco in July. A redeeming rainfall came at the end of August, refreshing the Barbaresco and Barolo vineyards and making the white varieties ready for harvest in early September.

### WINEMAKING

Fermentation and aging in oak for six-eight months.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2021 vintage of Alteni di Brassica is a classic style of Sauvignon Blanc from Langhe with notes of oyster shell, mountain herbs, white peach, and flint. With time in the glass, it opens to reveal more vibrant notes of sage, cedar, tomato leaf, and cardamom. The mouthfeel is fresh, long, and savory with a medium-bodied style that ends with a hint of salinity.

### VINEYARD

Region:	Piedmont
Appellation:	Langhe D.O.P.
Vineyards:	Barbaresco and Serralunga
First Vintage:	1986
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable

### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	Sauvignon Blanc
Aging:	Aged in oak for 6-8 months

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	13.5%
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